his Lady and all the Family, except one Daughter and ſome Servants, were gone to viſit a Relation, and to ſtay all Night; four Men on Horſeback, dreſſed like Gentlemen, came to the Houſe, pretending they had particular Buſineſs with the Gentleman, and came by his Appointment. They were immediately introduced to his Daughter, who told them her Father would return the next Day, and as they came ſo far to ſee him, kindly intreated them to ſtay all Night. This was what the Villains wanted, for about Two in the Morning they burſt open her Chamber-door, and all four of them armed with Piſtols came to her Bed-ſide. They bid her not be frighted, but told her ſhe muſt give them the Key of the ſtrong Cloſet, where her Father kept his Plate and Money; and get up immediately and ſhew them the Way to it. Terrified to the laſt Degree, ſhe aroſe and went with them. They took the Key, opened the Iron-door, and all four of them went in. Juſt at this Inſtant, ſhe miraculouſly, as it were, recovered from her Surprize, and by a kind of Impulſe was compelled to ſhut the Door; which

which ſhe did, and locked them all in. She then flew to the Servants Apartments to awaken them, but here a more dreadful Scene preſented itſelf, for they were all murdered; and ſhe now expected the ſame Fate, for the Villains were thundering at the Door, and threatened her with the moſt dreadful Imprecations: *Open the door, or we will kill you! Open the door, or we will kill you!* Thus diſtreſſed, ſhe flew to the Drawbridge to make her Eſcape, but found herſelf unable to let it down. In this Extremity ſhe carried the Sheets, Table-linen, and what Chairs and other Furniture ſhe could, to a little Pile of Wood in the Yard, at ſome Diſtance from the Dwelling-houſe, and ſet them on Fire. The Country People ſaw the Flames, and ſuppoſing the Houſe was on Fire, came in Numbers to extinguiſh it. She got to the Drawbridge to receive them, and having told her Story, one of them ſwam over the Moat, and let down the Bridge for the reſt. They took the wicked Wretches to a Magiſtrate, who committed them to Goal, and they were all executed for the horrible Crime they had committed.

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